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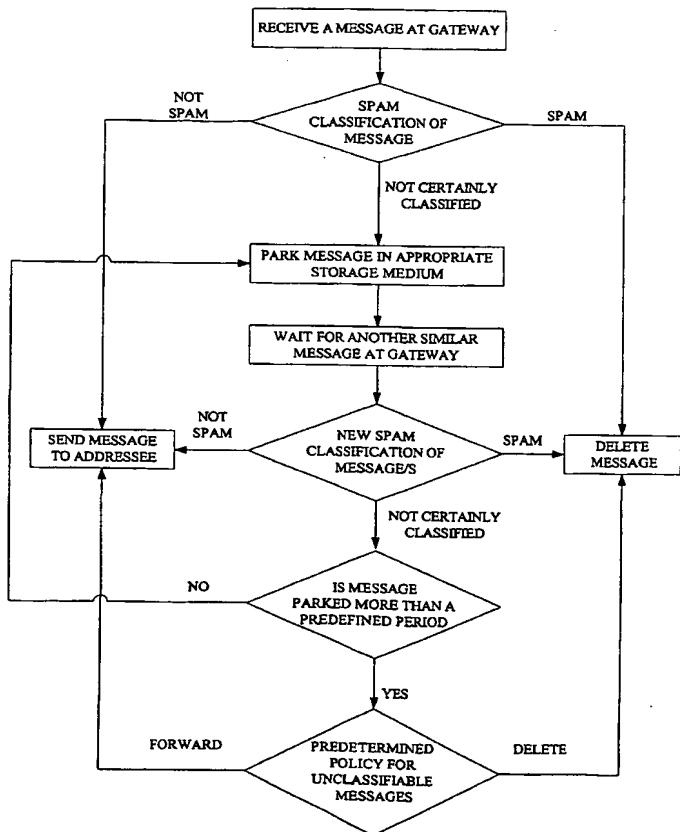
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## (54) Title: DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF SPAM



(57) **Abstract:** A method and system for combating spam, including obtaining information contained in messages, employing a variable criteria to the information, encrypting at least part of the information employing a non-reversible encryption so as to generate encrypted information, transmitting at least the encrypted information to a server for spam indication thereby receiving from the server classification data and determining the spam classification of the messages at least partially based on the classification data.